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5. In 1945 a minor attack not against the Catholic Church but against the Catholic clergy occurred. First attacks were directed against the people who worked for the priests, secondly against the large estates owned by the priests, thirdly against communication with Rome, lastly against sermons which mentioned the West or a free Poland. Churches were never closed. Whenever a priest was imprisoned a so-called "patriot" priest would take his place immediately.

6. The people of Poland believed that the Pope was pro-German because they saw pictures which showed him blessing the German soldiers on their way to the battle-front. Most of the population felt that even though Poland was predominantly Catholic the Pope still favored Germany.

7. People of Poland have faith and are awaiting the day when the US will liberate Poland. They are positive that the US is the only country able to accomplish this liberation. Communist propaganda that the US is organizing a German army and air force to attack and plunder all of Poland is not generally accepted, however, should such an attack take place the Poles would fight to protect their homeland.

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